

2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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HSD	969	A	1

Budget Action Title: Adopt Resolution 31916 Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: Yes

Primary Sponsor: Budget Committee

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Greg Doss

Council Bill or Resolution: Res 31916

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Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would adopt a resolution that acknowledges the inherent responsibility of the City to reduce unnecessary justice system involvement. The resolution also acknowledges that pre-arrest diversion programs, such as the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program, represent a harm reduction, evidence-based approach to reduce recidivism and provide for the public safety. Finally, the resolution declares that the City is committed to ensuring that evidence-based, law enforcement-engaged, pre-bookings diversion programs, such as LEAD, receive the public and private funding necessary to accept all priority qualifying referrals.

This resolution is dependent on the passage of HSD 99-C-2, which provides \$3.5 million in funding for the LEAD program and acknowledges a donation of \$1.5 million from The Ballmer Group.